

# Leading Expert on Severe Weather to Speak January 22 at SWOSU

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Reed Timmer, extreme meteorologist and one of the world's leading experts on severe weather, will speak and show video footage on Tuesday, January 22, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford as part of the university's Panorama series.

Admission is free to the 7:30 p.m. event in the Fine Arts Center.

Timmer is internationally known for his unique brand of storm chasing and meteorology. When tornadoes ravage the earth, most take shelter, but Timmer heads straight for the storm. Determined to solve the mysteries of the atmosphere and to collect life-saving data, Timmer intercepts tornadoes with tank-like research vehicles, which will be on display that day on the SWOSU campus, named the Dominator and Dominator II.

Timmer has chased more than 400 tornadoes and hurricanes, including the deadly May 3, 1999 storm in Moore. His expertise has landed Timmer on television programs such as Piers Morgan, Anderson Cooper, Good Morning America, and The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.

In 2003, Timmer created TornadoVideos.net (TVN). The site has become the premier source of weather footage for news and production companies worldwide. His book, *Into the Storm*, chronicles his adrenaline-filled encounters with severe weather. He also serves as the chief meteorologist for the Discovery Channel.

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